

## ABSTRACT

An object is to provide a method for making it possible to exchange information between a local host and a remote host even  
5 if necessary software is not previously prepared. A local host  
(1) requests a service administration host (4) to start a desired  
remote service. In response to the request to start the remote  
service, the service administration host (4) selects remote hosts  
(2) that are capable of sharing the remote service with the local  
10 host, and returns information as to the remote hosts (2) to the  
local host. Based on the returned information as to the remote  
hosts (2), the local host (1) selects a remote host (2) with which  
it desires to share the remote service, and instructs the remote  
host (2) to download, from the service administration host (4),  
15 software for sharing the remote service. The remote host (2)  
downloads, from the service administration host (4), necessary  
software as instructed.